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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Atsushi TOMITA		<b>RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE</b>
Application No.: 09/547,673		
		Customer No.: 20277
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Group Art Unit: 2142		Examiner: Beatriz Prieto
Title: APPARATUS MANAGEMENT UNIT AND APPARATUS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM		

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Official  
Action mailed August 10, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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